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### Greater NY Chamber of Commerce



Please join me at a major Business Expo hosted by the [Greater NY Chamber of Commerce](#) tomorrow, Oct. 17, at the [Yonkers Raceway Racetrack](#), 810 Yonkers Ave. between 1-6 pm.

The expo offers a full day of information, trade booths, seminars, and lectures provided by all-sized businesses; major corporations; an alliance of federal, state and city agencies; local business assistance groups; and leading chambers of commerce. The event is designed to help small business and entrepreneurs operate more profitably and efficiently.

I will join NY State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli for the 11:30 am to 1 pm luncheon and speak at the 5- 6:30 pm Entrepreneur of the Year Honoree Awards Ceremony.

The event itself is free and open to the public. The luncheon is \$30 and the networking reception is \$15. Reservations are required for both. Call 212-686-7220 or email the chamber by clicking [here](#).

### Domestic Violence Awareness Event



[Our office](#) is co-sponsoring a motorcycle ride through Yonkers on Saturday, Oct. 18 with the [Yonkers Motorcycle Club](#), 914 Mc- Westchester Sports Alliance and Forever Strong in support of [Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#).

The ride starts at 5 pm at Trevor Park and will proceed to Warburton Ave. and then over to City Hall where they will stop before heading down Nepperhan Ave. to Yonkers Ave. and then to the



Mt. Vernon-Yonkers border.

In support of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, my office, in conjunction with [My Sisters' Place](#), an organization that assists abused women and their children with offices in White Plains and Yonkers, has hosted Yonkers first two annual Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigils in October 2007 and 2008.

This year's event was attended by 100 supporters who filled the Council Chambers as elected officials and special guests read statements written by victims, and survivors shared their personal stories.

For more information, email [Carol Bengis](#) or call her in my office directly at 914-377-6065.

#### Quality of Life Event



Join [my office](#) for our third bi-annual Quality of Life Day from 11 am to 5 pm on October 25 at the [Yonkers Riverfront Library](#), 1 Larkin Center.

Dozens of non-profit and government agencies will be on hand to assist constituents in the areas of housing, family care, health, social services, child abuse prevention, environmental issues, employment, education, legal services, domestic violence, child care, assistance for seniors, and more.

Special highlights include a 12:30 pm interactive play that depicts the warning signs of teen dating violence by the Looking Glass Players youth theater group called "Love Shouldn't Hurt."

At 2 pm, the [Guardian Angels](#) will conduct a workshop facilitated by the Yonkers [YWCA](#) on Gang Violence covering gang prevention, anger management and gang activities and their patterns. A Youth Speak Out session will follow from 3-4 pm.



A Youth After Party will be hosted by the YWCA from 7-11 pm at their facility on 87 South Broadway for kids ages 14-18. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Admission \$5.

For more information, please contact Carol Bengis by clicking [here](#) or calling her in my office at (914) 377- 6063.

#### Leaf Clean Up



The City of Yonkers Department of Public Works is once again encouraging residents to participate in its annual fall leaf curbside pickup program, which will begin citywide every Wednesday from October 22 to December 3.

Residents must assemble leaves for collection in brown paper compost bags or in open containers for curbside pickup.

Following are specific regulations that must be followed under the fall leaf curbside pickup program: LEAVES AND YARD WASTE MUST BE PLACED IN OPEN CONTAINERS OR IN PAPER BAGS PER COUNTY REGULATIONS. LEAVES AND YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE LEFT CURBSIDE LEAVES AND YARD WASTE MIXED IN WITH GARBAGE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED WOOD WASTE (TREE BRANCHES, SHRUBS, ETC.) MUST NOT EXCEED THREE (3) INCHES IN WIDTH AND FOUR (4) FEET IN LENGTH NOTICE: IT IS A VIOLATION TO PILE LEAVES IN THE STREET. VIOLATORS WILL BE SUMMONSED. NOTICE: YARD WASTE AND FALL LEAVES MIXED IN WITH GARBAGE, WHETHER LOOSE OR IN PAPER OR PLASTIC BAGS, IS A VIOLATION OF THE LAW. REMINDER WARNINGS WILL BE ISSUED BY DPW CREWS FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION; REPEATED VIOLATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO SUMMONSES.

"Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for people to get rid of their fall yard waste, and our DPW employees will be working very hard to make that happen," Public Works Commissioner



John Liszewski said, referring to the dozens of public works employees who will implement the leaf collection program.

Liszewski also pointed out the environmental benefit of the program, saying, "This is not just a public service that we're providing to homeowners; it is part of our ongoing effort to reduce the city's waste output. Each bag of leaves we recycle is one less that will end up in a landfill, which is a huge benefit to our environment."

In addition to Wednesday curbside pickup, the city's Organic Recycling Center is available to city residents throughout the week. The facility is located at 610 Nepperhan Avenue. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

Paper bags can be purchased for \$0.40 each at the Recycling Center located at 735 Saw Mill River Road and at the DPW offices in City Hall.

Yonkers landscapers are also encouraged to use the Organic Recycling Center facility. A permit is required for landscapers at no charge. Please call (914) 377-6751 for permit information.

For additional information please call (914) 377- HELP or refer to the DPW's website.

#### Art Show in Yonkers Loft Building



A group of local artists are displaying their works in an exciting loft space thanks to the generous support of Yon Yuh Zweibon at her business, [Be yond Costumes](#), 530 Nepperhan Ave., an all inclusive warehouse filled with thousands of quality costumes and accessories, for purchase or for rent.

The exhibit will be displayed from Saturday, Oct. 15 to December 31. Participating artists include Arle Sklar-Weinstein, Cecily Spitzer, Celeste Walls Kepler, David Fischweicher, G.G. Kopilak, Gino Civalo, Jacqueline Lorieo, Jerry Volgare, Leslie Miller, Lewis Cohen, Luis Perelman, and Paul Greco.

For further information, please contact [Luis Perelman](#), Director, [Blue Door Artist Association](#) at



914 965- 3397.

*Photo: Gino Civale "Web" mixed media on canvas.*

### Shenandoah



The [Actors Conservatory Theatre](#) proudly presents [Shenandoah](#), a Civil War musical drama, throughout the month of October.

Performance dates are:

Thursday, 10/16 at 8 pm

Fridays, 10/17 and 10/24 at 8 pm

Saturdays, 10/18 and 10/25 at 8 pm

and Sundays, 10/19 and 10/26 at 2 pm

Email or call (914) 391-6558 for more information. Actors Conservatory Theatre, 20 Buckingham Road, Yonkers.

\$22 Adults, \$20 Seniors; \$15 children 12 and under. Special price on Thursday \$18 all seats.

### Council Hosts Polish Reception



My office is hosting our annual Polish celebration at 6 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 28 in the Council's conference room.

The event is marked by Polish cakes, coffee and great conversation.

For more information, please call my office at (914) 377-6060.

### Ribbon-Cutting at New Senior Citizen Apartments

Join me for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the Highland Avenue Senior Apartments, a new building at 34 Highland Ave. in Yonkers with 88 units of senior rental housing at 3 pm Thursday, Oct. 23.

I will be pleased to join Mayor Philip Amicone in welcoming my friend New York State Department of Housing and Community Renewal Commissioner Deborah Van Amerongen to Yonkers and thanking her for supporting another affordable senior housing project in Yonkers.

The apartments were developed through the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal Home for Working Families Program; New York State Housing Finance Agency's issuance of private activity bonds and its Empire Funds; proceeds from Low-Income Housing Tax Credits purchased by First Sterling Inc., as well as tax related benefits through the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency. The building was developed and constructed by the Macquesten Companies an affordable housing developer/builder in Mount Vernon.

Applications may be requested by mail only, from Cornell Pace Inc., 542 Main Street, 2nd floor, New Rochelle, New York, 10801; applicants must include a self-addressed legal-size envelope with their application request. Completed applications must be returned by regular mail only to a post office box number that will be listed in the application, and must be postmarked by October 29, 2008. Applications will be selected by lottery. Eligible Households with Section 8 Vouchers will be accepted.



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